to the above, 79 firms were permitted to quote against open enquiries for a period of one year in the first instance just to watch their performance.

1192. The Stores Purchase Committee Manual was revised. The Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, has been delegated certain powers to facilitate quick disposal of work in the office.

(viii) Public Service Commission.

1193. The Public Service Commission was constituted on 18th May 1951. As there were a large number of candidates in many unit offices for Class II clerical services waiting for appointment, the Commission decided to re-arrange by transfer of candidates from Units where there is no likelihood of their being appointed in the near future to those where there is need for candidates, and accordingly action was being taken to transfer such surplus candidates. So far as Class I clerical approved lists were concerned, applications were invited only from Backward Classes graduates, as candidates belonging to other classes (Brahmins) were still waiting for appointment in all the Unit Offices for appointment. Approved lists for teachers in Primary and Middle Schools will be issued to such of the Unit Offices as are in need of them. The appointments other than those for which approved lists of candidates were issued, were dealt with as per Note to Rule 15 of the Revised Rules of Recruitment.

1194. One thousand four hundred and sixty-seven vacancies were individually advertised and filled up. In respect of important technical and executive appointments (including Gazetted ones), candidates were selected by the Commission after interview, the Heads of Departments concerned being also invited to assist the Commission in this connection.

1195. The following proposals which were made by the Commission were under the consideration of Government :—

1. Reorganisation of the Department.
2. Draft rules and regulations framed under the Constitution of India.
3. The principles of communal representation in the services as provided for under Article 16 (4) of the Constitution.